

Washington and Moscow jubilant as Shultz reports back

Reagan gets what he wanted in Geneva

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, reported immediately to President Reagan last night on his success in getting the Soviet Union back to nuclear arms negotiations with out pre-conditions, while leaving America's multi-billion dollar 'Star Wars' programme untouched.



Messengers of hope: Four US officials charged with spreading news of the talks to American allies. From left: Mr Robert McFarlane, who came to London, Mr Mark Palmer, Mr Kenneth Adelman and Mr Paul Nitze.

New gas supplies aid winter demand

Natural gas has started flowing from the Morecambe Bay offshore gas field, the first off the coast of Britain, in time to meet present severe winter demand and help to restore supplies to many industrial users cut off in the last few days.

NUM left may oust moderates and seize control of executive

Left-wing miners' leaders have drafted plans to ensure the NUM continues as a militant bastion of organized labour whatever the strike outcome. Moderates would be ousted.

Why 'Star Wars' is on the agenda

The long-term shift away from the balance of nuclear deterrence to a non-nuclear defence based on the so-called 'Star Wars' system would be discussed between the United States and the Soviet Union, Mr Robert McFarlane, the President's National Security Adviser, said in London yesterday.

Freezing weather set to return after thaw

As motorists in many parts of Britain yesterday faced a new hazard of freezing fog, weather forecasters gave warning that freezing temperatures would return over the weekend, after a slight thaw.

Judge bans detailed reporting of surrogacy case

The High Court judge who granted a wardship order for the baby at the centre of the surrogate motherhood controversy yesterday issued a ban on reporting certain details of the case.

Let them go, Runcie plea to Gadaffi

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, has appealed directly to Colonel Gadaffi for the release of the four British hostages held in Libya as political prisoners. His appeal came as another Briton was paroled for five years in Tripoli yesterday for carrying hashish.

THE TIMES 1785-1985 Tomorrow

Loaded dice Has the gambling centre of Atlantic City had its chips? Flight of fancy Philip Howard on leucism, the wingless budgerigar of Notting Hill Literary lions The family with three generations in print Get set, go What future for Ade Maff, Britain's young Olympic sprint hope?

Portfolio The Times Portfolio competition £2,000 prize was won yesterday by Mrs Doris Ruben, who lives in London. Portfolio list, page 14, how to play, information service, back page.

French old folk's home fire kills 25

Twenty-five elderly people, most of them bedridden, died when a government-run old people's home in Grandvilliers, Picardy, was destroyed by fire. President Mitterrand, accompanied by three ministers, visited the scene and spoke to some of the 171 survivors. Page 5

Divorce highest among jobs

The divorce rate is highest among the unemployed and marriages where the husband is an unskilled manual worker are four times more likely to end in divorce than where the husband is a professional. Page 3



BR goes pop

Pop music is to be used in television commercials as part of British Rail's new £9 million advertising campaign. Page 3

Pound at \$1.14

The pound plummeted to new depths yesterday, dropping 63 points to \$1.1432, the sterling index falling 0.4 to a record closing low of 72.3. Page 15

Savimbi injured

Dr Jonas Savimbi, the UNITA leader, has been seriously wounded in an attack by Angolan government forces, the Portuguese news agency Anop reports.

On this day...

Table with 3 columns: Date, Event, Page. Includes: For January 10 our Bicentenary retrospective news column returns to the year 1806 and describes the solemn burial of a national hero (Page 11); Leader page, 11; Letters: On the countryside, from Sir Derek Barber and other; Premature babies, from Prof E.O.R. Reynolds; Leading articles: Geneva Talks; Budgetary Planning: India Now; Features, pages 8, 10; Countdown for an open government, a look behind the Reagan aide - swap; West Germany in the Russian winter; profile of Mark Elder, a younger conductor; Books, page 9; Henry Chadwick reviews The Rise of Christianity; Isabel Raphael on fiction of the week; Tim Heald on thrillers; Robin Brook on SOE by M.R.D. Foot; Obituary, page 12; Professor W.B. Stanford, Sir Harold Hillier; Classified, pages 20-26; La crème de la crème appointments; Home News 2-4; Law Report 12; Overseas 5.6; Parliament 4; Apps 12; Prem Bonds 2; Arts 13; Science 12; Business 14-17; Snow reports 25; Chess 8; Sports 18-20; Court 28; TV & Radio 27; Crossword 18; Weather 28; Diary 20; Wills 12; Events

Multi-billion pound repair bill warning

A huge multi-billion pound backlog of repairs to Britain's schools, houses, hospitals, roads, sewers and public buildings must be tackled urgently, the Government was told yesterday in a report from the National Economic Development Office.

Harrods Sale Great Reductions on The Ground Floor. Table with columns: Item, Harrods Orig. Price, Sale Price. Includes: Man's Shop Examples, Fashion Accessories Examples, Fabrics Example, Tote Bags Examples, Clocks & Watches Examples, Personal shoppers only.

Marriages of unemployed and unskilled more likely to end in divorce

By David Walker, Social Policy Correspondent

Divorce, once the privilege of the rich, now ends a striking proportion of the marriages of working class, poor and unemployed people. *Social Trends*, the Government's compendium of statistics, published today, shows the marriages of manual workers and the unemployed to be highly unstable: on present trends a marriage where the husband is an unskilled manual worker is four times more likely to end in divorce than one where the husband has a profession.

Husband's social background	Divorces per 1,000 (Marriages aged 16-65)
Professional	7
Intermediate	12
Skilled non-manual	16
Skilled manual	14
Semi-skilled manual	15
Unskilled manual	30
Unemployed husbands	36
All husbands	15

Overall the divorce rate is highest among the unemployed, drawn disproportionately from the unskilled. For all age groups the divorce rate for the unemployed is double the national average.

Marriage for young working class people is desperately unstable. For every 1,000 husbands aged 20 to 29, 55 husbands from unskilled manual backgrounds are likely to go through divorce compared with 10 from a professional background. If 1981 divorce rates (the most recent year for these calculations) continue through the 1980s, almost three in five young men marrying before they are 20 will be divorced, regardless of background. One in two women who married as teenagers will also see their homes broken.

Social portrait of Britain still shows stability and prosperity

The picture that emerges from this year's *Social Trends* is of a stable, still prosperous and rather sleepy Britain, apparently not much changed by any of the radical policies adopted by Mrs Margaret Thatcher's Government. Mass unemployment is taking a toll lower down the social scale, with measurable impact on divorce and alcoholism rates. But elsewhere there is scant sign of new mobility or economic reformation. Britons still enjoy a good night's sleep, working men getting eight hours and working women an additional 20 minutes. They are cleaner (how else do we explain an increase of 32 litres a head a day in water consumption in the six years before 1983?)

Factory pollution, for example emissions of sulphur dioxide, is at a postwar low and emissions of lead from cars and lorries has dropped 19 per cent from its 1973 peak, in spite of a 16 per cent increase in petrol consumption during the 1970s. More money, more fish. Britons are better off. Real disposable income a head has, admittedly, seen-sawed since Mrs Thatcher took office, but in 1983 it was 3 per cent above the 1980 figure and up 10 per cent on 1973. Ownership of con-

sumer durables is up, with only a tiny number of households lacking a refrigerator or television. During the past five years ownership of dishwashers and tumble driers has significantly increased, along with that of video recorders. Whether Britons now eat better is unclear. Consumption of fresh vegetables is down while that of processed and frozen products is up. The cholesterol count might be improved by a marked fall in the use of butter and more fish eating, but intake of fats in general seems to be rising. Population slowdown. Overall, the population is stable, growing by only half a million during the past decade and unlikely to grow by more than the same amount by the end of the century. Mobility within the country is not great. Even East Anglia as the fastest growing region has added only 200,000 people in 10 years. About 94 per cent of British residents are of white ethnic origin and the birth rate for mothers born outside the United Kingdom has changed little recently. In fact the fertility of women of West Indian descent has dropped sharply, along with that of Irish women; there seems every

Synagogue humour defended by rabbi

By Tony Samstag

A rabbi who was dismissed by his congregation last year defended yesterday his attempts to inject humour into the synagogue and deplored the "tendency to treat every synagogue occasion as if it were a memorial service".

Rabbi Clifford Cohen, aged 36, arguing his own claim for unfair dismissal from Southgate Progressive Synagogue, north London, told an industrial tribunal: "Jewish celebrations ought to be fun. On some occasions, in a particular marriage, he had been asked to make his address entertaining and humorous and his efforts had been well received. He denied vigorously that he had neglected the pastoral side of his work or had been reluctant to visit sick members of the congregation. He estimated that he worked a 60-hour week, of which about 20 were taken up by fixed teaching commitments. Pastoral work accounted for at least another five to eight hours a week.



Top of the world: Julie Donnelly (left) and Elaine Brook on Kalapathar, with Everest behind them.

Blind woman's Himalayas climb

Julie Donnelly, aged 31, a switchboard operator in a City bank and blind since the age of eight, determined to prove that "people with physical handicaps can do anything if they have the energy", has climbed 18,000 feet up the western face of Mount Everest, to the summit of Kalapathar.

and veteran mountain climber, Julie spent the month of December making the dangerous assault on the Himalayas. They began planning the trip last June, not simply as a holiday, but as a way of raising money for Julie's favourite charity, the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. Elaine, who had made the journey before, said Julie had proved an excellent climber.

Item	1971		1983	
	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min
Large white loaf	9	7	4	4
1lb rump steak	54	52	7	32
Pint milk	5	4	2	2
Pint beer	13	12	2	2
20 cigarettes	4	2	2	124
20 cigarettes	4	2	2	12
Weekly gas bill	1	1	1	48
Gallon petrol (4 star)	19	14	14	20
Colour TV licence	19	14	14	8
LP	3	1	1	1

	early 1970s	early 1980s
Shape of households		
Pensioners, as % of all households	Up 14	17
Married couples with young children as % of all households	Down 35	30
Large families with young children as % of all households	Up 3	5
Big families (more than five people) as % of all households	Down 14	10
Money		
Direct tax, as % of total household income	Up 17	21
Real disposable income per head	Up 93	103
Spending on dining out	Same 83	84
Spending on foreign travel	Up 82	108
Spending on clothes and shoes	Up 36	108
Quality of life		
Owner occupation, as % of all households	Up 50	63
Central heating, as % of all households	Up 39	64
Telephones, as % of all households	Up 45	77
Joining in Membership of Christian churches as % of adult pop	Down 20.2	16
Membership of trade unions as % of all employees	Same 49	48

Most believe society 'racist'

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent

Nine out of 10 people believe that Britain is a racially prejudiced country, according to a social survey reported in the new edition of *Social Trends*. Almost half believe that prejudice against black and Asian people has worsened in recent years, and that it will be greater in the future. Nearly two-thirds believe that prejudice has resulted in discrimination in the labour market, with black people being denied jobs because of their race.

sample of adults questioned admitted to racial prejudice themselves. Those admitting racial prejudice displayed racist attitudes more often on specific questions than those who denied it. The openly prejudiced were more likely to be hostile to race relations legislation, to the idea of working for a black or Asian boss, to immigration by black people, and to the prospect of having a black relative through marriage. But the survey showed that there has been a big shift in public opinion towards laws against racial discrimination. When the first such law was introduced in 1968, it was supported by 45 per cent of the population. That proportion has grown to 70 per cent, with

older people and manual workers more likely to be opposed. Opposition to further black immigration continues to be high with more than 60 per cent against more West Indians and Asians being allowed in. But 42 per cent were also opposed to further immigration from EEC countries, and 26 per cent were against more Australians and New Zealanders coming to Britain. However, most people thought that schools should make some provision for minority cultures once people were settled in Britain. About three-quarters supported special English classes where needed. Tomorrow, Britain's two nations.

BR uses pop tunes in £9m new image drive

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

Jimmy Savile and "This is the Age of the Train" were finally shunted into the siding yesterday in favour of a bright new image for British Rail. The new message, at a cost of £9 million a year is "we're getting there". Mr Jim O'Brien, BR's joint managing director announced yesterday. Music from six pop tunes will appear in television commercials, the first of which will be screened this evening.

Inquest after double chin surgery death

The North Buckinghamshire coroner's office is to hold an inquest next month on Mrs Amanda Martin, aged 27, a woman who died last week after plastic surgery to remove a double chin.

She is believed to have suffered a heart attack after undergoing surgery in Stoke Mandeville hospital. Mr John Martin, her husband said that she wanted the operation to improve her appearance.

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How ratecapping will affect the City's relationship with local government.

The financial institutions of the City of London have a long-standing relationship with local government.

It has operated to their mutual benefit and satisfaction regardless of the political persuasion of the councils in power.

During the last five years local government finance has been made much more complicated by a series of measures introduced by central government.

These were said to be needed in order to reduce the level of council spending.

In fact, the Government's own Audit Commission Report has found that these measures were responsible for raising rates.

According to the Report "...rate bills in the last 3 years have probably been, on average, some £400m or more a year higher than would have been necessary."

The Report also says that Whitehall's systems have made the management of local finance uncertain and extremely difficult.

Despite all this local authorities have continued to

administer services which cost about £30 billion a year.

And inevitably the City has continued to assist them on a day to day basis.

But now, instead of reforming the system, the government has introduced ratecapping.

Which means they can impose an absolute limit on what a local authority spends.

Critics from all parties, and people of no declared political allegiance, have said this will make a bad situation worse.

In particular they have said that the uncertainties that already exist in the system will now be felt by the City institutions which provide local government with financial services.

Indeed there is some evidence that this has already begun.

The last thing the City wants is to see doubt cast upon the authorities' ability to pay their debts.

And the authorities themselves clearly have nothing

to gain from such an outcome.

Ratecapping makes no sense.

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BOOKS

Ancient and Modern: the Poet as bridge

The world in which Olivia Shakespeare moved was decidedly artistic: she was a cousin of the poet Lionel Johnson; she had an affair with W. B. Yeats...

James Fenton on the Pound in your pocket and his letters

EZRA POUND AND DOROTHY SHAKESPEAR, THEIR LETTERS, 1909-1914 Edited by Omar Pound and A. Walton Litz Faber, £25

born. She chose her parents very wisely. Ezra and Dorothy seem to have had the sense to live meekly but doggedly under the restrictions imposed by her parents...

gain nothing by being cheeky. She obviously feared his charm. Dorothy's poor old father, once the marriage was agreed to, obviously finds it hard to know what to think when it is proposed that the wedding be a civil ceremony...



For the odd thing about Pound was not that he rebelled against other people's poetic practice of the time, but that he managed to rebel against himself. The young man here, although he shares many of the enthusiasms of the modernist Pound, is working in a language and style that seemed antique to some of his contemporaries...

Novel intrigues in Greece and Belfast

FICTION

Isabel Raphael

COUP D'ETAT By John Harvey Collins, £9.95 THE KILLING OF YESTERDAY'S CHILDREN By M. S. Power Chato & Windus, £9.95 SLOW LEARNER By Thomas Pynchon Cape, £8.50

After the season of peace and goodwill, a chill Epiphany offering: two remarkable novels of political violence and intrigue, wartime and death. D'Etat describes the 1967 takeover by the Colonels in Greece and its effect on a family of differing political persuasions...

genuine oddity with more than a whiff of Graham Greene about him. A minor diplomat, retired after a macabre Satanic encounter with Mexican Indians, he carries the scars of his flagellation under such an effective cloak of anonymity that he appears to be the ideal fence for both sides.

Behind the scenes and TV lines

Robin Brook

SOE By M. R. D. Foot JBC, £8.50

Over 20 years Professor Foot has consolidated his premier position as historian of resistance and, in particular, of SOE as the designated executor of British policy and strategy in this field.

admirably summarized and indispensable to those interested in the methods and problems of operation. The second half includes, with a summary of activities and results in many fields, the vital component which should have been covered in the television series but was almost entirely lacking: an exposition of the rationale of the whole organization and its political, military and economic conceptual basis and motives.

I suppose one should not be reviewing thrillers for The Times without being aware of Bernice Webb's seminal piece in the South Atlantic Quarterly on "James Bond as Literary Descendant of Beowulf". Some people take the genre "genre" is a crucial word very very seriously indeed.

Thud and blunder in earnest

THRILLERS

Tim Heald

SECRET AGENTS IN FICTION Ian Fleming, John le Carré and Len Deighton. By Lars Ole Sauerberg Macmillan, £22.50

Until reading Mr Sauerberg I had never really thought about the relationship between M. and Bond as either exemplifying Freudian ideas about Oedipus or the relationship between God and man. Mr Sauerberg inclines to the latter view. "M", he avers, "is watched by Bond below, is a figure very much resembling God as Jehovah".

might concede, if pushed, that the Almighty knows about the odds at baccarat, but I wonder if he would be entirely convinced that M. is God. Mr Sauerberg produces other interesting evidence from the Fleming oeuvre. There is a brief scene in Dr No when M. dismisses his driver, Eric-Leading Stoker Smith, "who he says is a Jew".

It is, Mr Sauerberg, however, sees it more ambiguously as "a symbol of official power", although "to Le Carré in CFD the desk implies superficiality of values and domination by trivia".

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How the old Galilean conquered the world

Henry Chadwick THE RISE OF CHRISTIANITY By W. H. C. Frend Darton, Longman & Todd, £35

William Freud's studies in early Christian history have in the past been directed mainly towards dissident or nonconformist groups: schismatics like the Donatists of fourth century North Africa, or the Monophysites of Egypt and Syria who rejected the fourth ecumenical council at Chalcedon (451). He has hitherto tended to think well of individuals or groups who at the time were not much appreciated by authority.

The pioneers Freud discovers in the gnostic theosophists. The orthodox family imitated them in absorbing the surrounding culture and religiosity, while jettisoning their quietism, dualism, and libertinism. So we have Christianity fusing a Hebrew monotheism with Stoicism and Platonism, and making a more exalted moral demand than its rivals. Dedication was expressed in readiness for martyrdom. The message was in all essentials simple, accessible to both learned and unlearned alike, unnumbered by the mythological fantasies of gnostics like the Manichaeans.

hence, Freud contemplates the fourth century as marked by serene and peaceful "consensus", which was then torn apart in the next century, in the west by barbarian invaders, in the east by divisive controversy about the mystery of the person of Christ. A parting of east and west was hastened by the conciliar structures developed in the Greek world, contrasting with the centralized, primate structure of Roman leadership and claims to jurisdiction. Latin Christianity accordingly sank into dark age barbarism, Greek Orthodoxy into internal theological conflict, while, beyond the frontier, missionary movements took Nestorianism from Persia across central Asia to China, and took Monophysitism up the Nile from Alexandria to Ethiopia. Since which time everything has continued more or less as Islam and Professor Freud have left it.

It is an ambitious endeavour to tell this huge story even in so fat a volume which includes highly elaborate chronological tables, maps, and references. As usual, Freud's strength lies in the broad movements of his brush on a large canvas, and among the details there is plenty to dispute or at least to wonder at. Freud has a taste for paradoxical judgments. He never fails the reader when writing about archaeological sites he knows and about digs in which he has personally participated, and the evident zest of such passages is such that one cries for yet more. As the book moves towards the end there is some sense of haste and pressure on space. Homeric struggles like the street-fighting in Rome during the Laurentian schism (the outcome of which had far-reaching consequences for the theory of papal superiority to councils) get mere allusions which must baffle the uninformed. There is a good deal in this book's manner which suggests that Freud is often writing here not for a general public, so much as for fellow scholars. But if there are surprises and disappointments, there is far more to evoke pleasure and admiration.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Dead against

Graham Greene's consistent refusal to be seen on television will extend beyond the grave...

Wait for it

Last month Labour MP Eric Heffer wrote a pained reply to Bernard Levin's attack over his failure to stand when Brighton bomb victim John Wakeham returned to the Commons...

Outspoken

Even the Monday Club has limits. It is considering expelling Barry Aylisse, chairman of its Cambridge University branch...

Second out

The audience was given no explanation for the omission of the second movement of the seventh symphony of Malcolm Williamson...

Making waves

Eight-year-old Aidan Platten, of Portsmouth, thought he had solved the problem of what to do with W.F. Smith tokens...



"Shall I tell the doctor about your flat - or just your quality of life?"

Museum piece

Two merchant banks interested in acquiring the former Royal Mint next to the Tower look certain to be ousted by a surprise contender...

A timetable for budget reform

by Tim Eggar

Five years in office, and the Government has just finished the most acrimonious public expenditure round to date...

bad decision-taking because pressures are exerted in almost total ignorance of the real options available...

Next year's round could be even worse. There is little chance that the Fowler review will change the trend of a 5 per cent real increase per year in social security expenditure...

But change and objections can be reconciled. The Cabinet could decide before the summer recess, rather than in November, whether the predicted expenditure total is sustainable...

suggested in October and November and there could be a debate about the short-term alternatives...

Departmental priorities would be finalized by early December. Any request for overspending would be settled in Cabinet by mid-January...

The Treasury has seen off similar proposals in the past: it is concerned that such openness would lead to pressures for even higher public expenditure...

Unless we change the mechanism, the strains of the public expenditure round will become unbearable. Open discussion will strengthen Parliament without impinging on the executive's absolute right to decide overall priorities...

Bailey Morris on the outcome of the Washington reshuffle

Who now has Reagan's ear?

Washington With surprising speed, the troika of key advisers who ruled the Reagan White House has been dissolved...



Reagan and wife Nancy, from influence to an unrivalled position of power. Above, job swap for Donald Regan and James Baker; right, exit Michael Deaver, surrogate son

Initial reaction to the appointment of Baker, the man who has run the White House on a day-to-day basis, as treasury secretary was overwhelmingly favourable...

But what does it all mean? Initially, it appears to mean that Reagan's second term will become a two-issue administration, focused heavily on arms control and tax reform...

Political analysts feel that Reagan's appointment reinforces the trend of the last six months toward a firm, middle-of-the-road philosophy...

deficits. The dismantling of the old team is almost complete. But was the switch an intentional act signalling a shift in Reagan's aims during his second term?

"Judge" William Clark, Reagan's long-time aide and former California chief of staff, has resigned to return to his West Coast ranch...

From storm centre to the sidelines

Bonn Eighteen months ago Moscow and Washington were locked in contest for the soul of West Germany...

Mikhail Gorbachev, the powerful Politburo member, chose to respond to overtures from Britain rather than Bonn, and President Chernenko plans a visit to France...



Kohl: already won over

Today, with attention focused on a new round of arms negotiations, West Germany is far from their minds. In the East-West dialogue, where Bonn set the pace and acted as a catalyst...

This does not mean that Washington has stopped coordinating its policies with Bonn, or no longer cares about the opinions of its European allies...

itself have also deflected the spotlight of world attention. The peace movement reached its high water mark in 1983 and has been steadily ebbing...

anxious to return to private life. Baker, however, said he could not bring himself to tell the president, who was completely unaware of the manoeuvring...

Deaver then took charge. He said he would speed up the announcement of his own resignation (disclosed last Thursday) so it did not appear he had lost out in a power struggle...

Neither George Bush, the vice-president, nor Robert Dole, the Senate majority leader, knew of the swap until minutes before it was announced...

But important questions remain. How will the White House now function? Will Regan, who has no foreign policy experience, be able to perform the same function as Baker...

George Shultz, the Secretary of State, also appears to have gained as a result of the changes. His clashes with Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, will probably continue...

To some extent West Germany is happy no longer to be jusselled over by East and West. It believes its interests are best served by being taken in conjunction with those of its NATO partners...

The Social Democrats accuse the government of having squandered the influence and statesmanship built up by former chancellor Helmut Schmidt...

At the same time a certain clumsiness in the government's handling of its once vaunted Ostpolitik has undermined some of the authority and standing with

which Bonn spoke to both East and West. The wholly unnecessary debate on German reunification in the Bundestag in the spring provoked doubts in both Eastern Europe and, less publicly, among the western allies...

Ronald Butt When want is just indulgence

Surrogate motherhood is another aspect of the contemporary morality against which Mrs Victoria Gillick appealed...

handed to the unknown "poor commissioning parents who are being kept waiting" is one further step in the reduction of babies to the status of something like pest who exist more for their owners' satisfaction than in their own right...

It is a subjectivist and relativist ethic encouraging each individual to be governed in his actions by personal wishes and opinions. Regard for objective moral rules or behavioural imperatives is dismissed contemptuously as "moralizing"...

Yet, because to do so would interfere with personal preferences, we do not think it right to promote the objective moral standards which alone would guarantee unwanted pregnancy. Instead, we band under-age girls the pill...

The concept of surrogate motherhood is the epitome of self-centredness and of the rejection of absolute moral standards for determining the status of the human being. It is characteristic of contemporary morality, with its emphasis on squeamishness and indulgence...

But this is to camouflage the real issue in the Gillick case which is not simply that, as the Court of Appeal found, the DHSS is breaking the law with its circular allowing prescription of the pill without parental knowledge in "exceptional" cases...

Yet however desirable, such legislation does not touch the heart of the matter. Even if commercial surrogacy is banned, the whole concept of surrogacy offends against the basic moral principles which have guided human behaviour...

What really lies behind this case is that children are proselytized in sex education, in and outside the classroom, to the belief that they are morally justified in indulging their sexual wishes provided they know the facts and take precautions against conception...

This is not some arbitrary edict to be accepted unreasoningly. There is all the evidence we need to tell us that the well-being of the child, and of the adult he becomes, depends on his parental and family relationships...

Of course the pressure groups who specialize in contraception for the young also offer them counselling, but it is usually of a pretty fatalistic kind. Whoever heard from them an unambiguous declaration that sexual activity at an early age is morally wrong...

Even a child who genetically belongs to both his parents who brought him up is unlikely to feel comfortable in the knowledge that his gestation and birth were by another woman, perhaps in the same family...

Moral subjectivism is thus inculcated early. Later in life, a couple unable to conceive a child or to adopt one (abortion having worked wonders at least in that respect) are now invited to turn to surrogate pregnancy or to the deliberate manufacture of babies who know nothing of their father, but whom the Warnock Committee would legitimize as the children of another man...

Surrogate motherhood and the idea that a baby can be "commissioned" (the word is Lady Warnock's, who nevertheless thinks that the Barnet baby should be

The family is mocked. How can a society so indulgent to those with the power to create and so indifferent to the real happiness of its children be called humane?

A. N. Author He who lives by the pen...

In my one-but-last whinge I was going on about the burdensome duties of The Talk. The Interview and The Signing in A. N. Author's life...

But who needs heat? Not the Slimfold Thirteen, that's for sure; for there is the unmistakable crackle of passion's static charges, filling the whole hall from board to beam...

There is some terrible trash here; stuff about flashing-eyed gipsies and daughters of the manse, and a brace of barely encoded revenges on philandering husbands. "Always remember," you begin, "that Dickens got 20 rejections, and Joyce 40. Persistence is the key. While I quite enjoyed Maureen Sample's tale of the GP's secretary and the construction engineer on the M25, I did feel that after the, um... eighth chapter, we needed just a snatch of dialogue..."

The time passes and the rinses, meld into a single soul. Maybe the whole episode will furnish you with a comic interlude one day. But, for the present, what to say about Mrs Drinkwater's Eye of the Viper, an exercise book full of lustful ruminations (yes, of course with what you'd expect to be a runaway chamber maids, all in the most impetuous copperplate? Rest to leave it out perhaps, since the author is still missing...

And so to the practice. No one has heard of you, or your book (The Soul of Mrs Saxby, Sucker and Windbag, £6.95). You are soon to discover that you are in fact a stand-in for A. N. Other-Author, of whom everybody has heard. Head to cry off because of a promotional tour of Australia, where he is "very big"...

"Mr Author, I'm so sorry I'm late," she trumpets. "Oh, that's quite all right." "I've just been on the phone to my mentor, a real treasure." "Oh yes?" "Yes, Mr A. Gent. Eye of the Viper has been... (a theatrical pause here)... has been bought by Bills and Moon for £80,000. He's talking of film rights and America, and... oh, Mr Author I'm so happy I could dance."

"And I came along to say I know you've been having trouble with your sales and if there's anything at all I can do to help, any strings I can pull..."

There is no alcohol.

Michael Binyon



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January 9: The Duke of Kent...

Memorial service
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A memorial service for Dr Solomon...

Historic year for 11 regiments
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother...

Luncheon
NSPCC
The Duke of Westminster was host...

Church news
Retirement
The Rev. J. Kennedy...

Fortcoming marriages
Mr J. I. Anderson
and Miss L. Birnie Reid...

Mr C. Currell
and Miss R. A. Clegg
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The Queen will attend a service in St Paul's Cathedral...

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Science report
Antarctic's future in balance

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

The Antarctic, often called the "world's science park", has been invaded this week by scientists and diplomats...

The debate will not centre on the scientific route of the ice-bound landmass...

The obstacles to scientific research if minerals and oil were to be exploited in Antarctica have united many scientists...

The polar continent is governed by 14 countries, half of whom have territorial claims...

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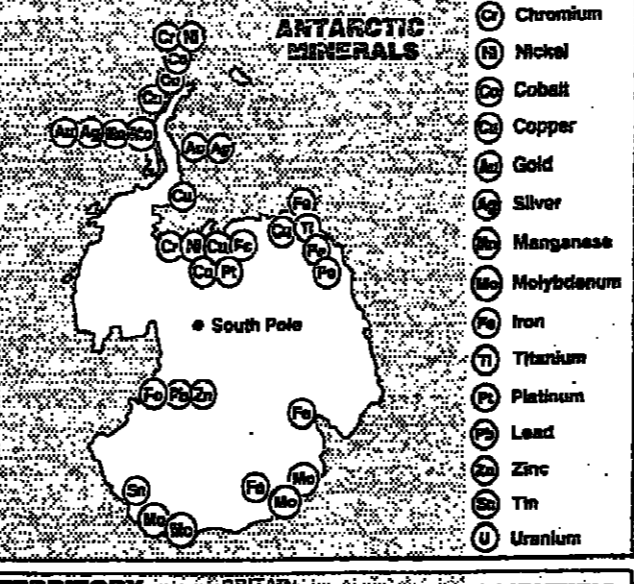
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Scientists have uncovered evidence, since the Antarctic Treaty was drawn up in 1959...

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Mr N. R. Page and Miss M. L. Callus
The engagement is announced between Neil...

Mr W. L. Raaben and Miss K. M. Peat
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Schools

Bristol Grammar School
Term begins today. The head of school is Rosalind Cockitt...

Rossall School
Lent Term at Rossall School begins today. A Chamberlain is school captain...

Harrow School
Easter Term begins today. R. C. Phillipson (Moretons) is head of school...

Ashford School
Ashford School, Kent, reassembles on Friday, January 11...

The King's School, Canterbury
Lent Term begins today. P. H. Davis is head of school...

Christenings
The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Hue Williams...

Latest wills
Mr Alexander Stuart Freer, of Ashford, Kent...

Dinner
Lady Mayoresse of Westminster
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OBITUARY
PROF. W. B. STANFORD
Celebrated Irish classicist

Professor William Bodell Stanford, who died at his Dublin home on December 30 at the age of 74...

His scholarly work won prestigious recognition when in 1966 he was appointed to the Sather Professorship...

He was appointed Regius Professor of Greek in the University of Dublin in 1940...

From his output one might perhaps single out as his most original and effective contributions...

SIR HAROLD HILLIER
Sir Harold Hillier, CBE, FLS, VMH, the horticulturalist...

His earlier books included studies of lesser known artists of the 18th and 19th centuries...

He was awarded the Victoria Medal of Honour in 1958...

MR F. G. ROE
Mr Frederic Gordon Roe, FSA, FRHistS, who died on January 6...

His earlier books included studies of lesser known artists of the 18th and 19th centuries...

MR GRAEME HALL
Graeme Hall, who was killed at the age of 38 in a car crash near Paris...

He was educated at Tiffin School, and was a versatile athlete...

Major-General Sir David Macarthur-Onslow, CBE, DSO, ED, who has died at the age of 80...

He was awarded the DSO, Subsequently he became GOC 2nd Division Australian Military Force (1954-55)...

Law Report

Washington Development Corporation v Bamblings (Washington) Ltd
The agreement in the modified and confirmed order...

Court of Appeal

Fixing date of valuation of compulsorily purchased land
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BRITISH FUNDS

Table with columns: No., Fund, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various funds like FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS, OVER FIFTEEN YEARS, UNDATED, INDEX-LINKED.

BREWERIES

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists Guinness, Wm Whitbread & D, Boddingtons, etc.

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various bank discount companies.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Advance continues

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Dec 24. Dealings End, Jan 11. Contango Day, Jan 14. Settlement Day, Jan 21. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High Low Company Price Change % P/E. Lists companies like Guinness, Wm Whitbread & D, Boddingtons, etc.

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FOODS

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Table with columns: 1984/85 High Low Company Price Change % P/E. Lists companies like ABC, DEF, GHI, etc.

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WALL STREET

Table of stock prices for various companies including AMF Inc, Allied Corp, Alcoa, and others. Columns include company name, price, and change.

Shares edge upward

New York (AP-Dow Jones) Shares advanced after a brief pause in early trading yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 7.50 to 1,993.20 and the transportation average was ahead 4.87 to 561.56.

Advancing issues were about 2-10-1 over declining issues in active trading. Mr William Lefevre, vice-president for investment strategy at Purcell Graham, says several possible reasons for the advance.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices including Rubber in 100 tonnes, Coffee, Cocoa, and other goods. Columns include item name, price, and change.

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Table of London commodity prices for items like Tin, Lead, Zinc, and Copper. Columns include item name, price, and change.

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Table of London metal exchange prices for Silver, Gold, and other metals. Columns include item name, price, and change.

LONDON GOLD FUTURES

Table of London gold futures prices for various contracts. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

NEAT AND LIVESTOCK

Table of neat and livestock prices including Hides, Sheep, and other animals. Columns include item name, price, and change.

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS

Table of Euro-currency deposit rates for various banks and currencies. Columns include bank name, rate, and term.

APPOINTMENTS

British Car Auction Group: Mr Tom Gibson has been appointed a director. St James's Relations: Mr Don Kennedy has been made a director.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984/85 High Low Company Price Chg % price % P/E. Table listing investment trusts and their performance.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table listing financial trusts and their performance metrics.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Table of sterling spot and forward rates for various currencies.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Table of dollar spot rates for various currencies.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table of London financial futures prices for items like Three Month Sterling, Three Month Eurodollar, and US Treasury Bond.

AUTHORIZED UNIT TRUSTS

Large table listing authorized unit trusts with columns for High, Low, Bid, Offer, and Yield.

COMPANY NEWS

MORAY FIRTH MALTINGS: By Jan 8, acceptances of the ord. offer on behalf of Scottish and Newcastles to acquire the ord. cmn. of Moray Firth Maltings.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table of other sterling rates for various currencies.

OTHER DOLLAR RATES

Table of other dollar rates for various currencies.

RECENT ISSUES

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Battle lines drawn in finance fight

By Judith Huntley

Ability to change will be a key weapon as estate agents struggle to stay independent

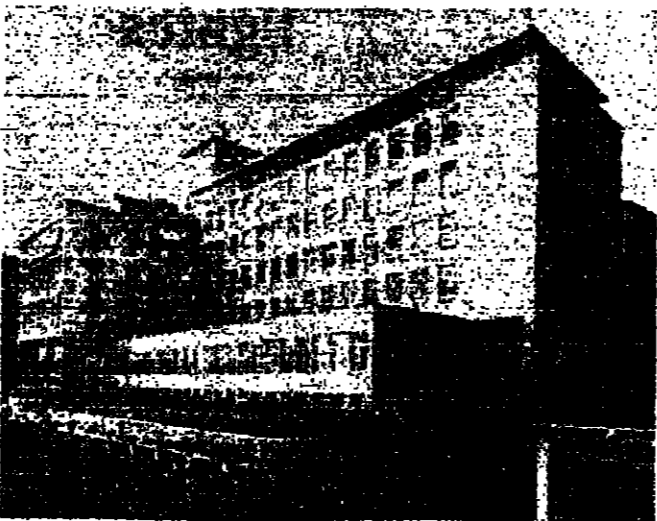
The financial revolution in the City of London is having far-reaching effects. Not only are the stockbrokers and jobbers feeling the winds of change but they are beginning to sweep over the property profession, too.

and others in the financial world is that the 20 or so firms of estate agents already have contacts and the clients in the property investment market. These have been established over a long time.

The current exchange rate must make the prospect of buying equity in a British firm of agents particularly attractive for the US combines. Many already have substantial holdings in British financial concerns.

Some members of the chartered surveying profession worry about the prospect of being swallowed up by a financial giant.

The need to maintain professional standards is important to him and he is worried that if this selling point is taken away, there will be little else to combat competition from those who



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Hugh Ellingham, Mr Michael Dix and Mr Stephen Barter. The team will be based in the City along with the rest of the new set-up, which will offer a package deal on property.

Richard Ellis has been involved in share issues on the Stock Exchange and the Unlisted Securities Market in the last year and sees its new unit continuing that service. It will also be looking at new techniques for funding development. This is a growing sector of the property market.

Innovative types of funding, a long way removed from the traditional institutional deal, have been more and more in evidence, particularly for the large office buildings in the City which are to house the financial conglomerates themselves.

crucial effect on the property market. But the signs are that the surveyors are fighting back. Richard Ellis, for example, has set up a financial services unit to concentrate on providing specialist advice. The firm saw which way the wind was blowing in the City and decided to change its policy as a result.

Docklands' largest office letting goes to Cleaners

The Militech Centre in London's Docklands on the Isle of Dogs, developed by Paul Sykes Developments of Leeds, has been let to Cleaners Ltd, the wholly owned subsidiary of PricewaterhouseCoopers. The company is taking 17,850 sq ft of offices in the scheme at a rent of £151,750 a year for a 25-year lease with five-year reviews.

refusal to allow a 10,000 sq ft extension, Drivers Jonas, advising Bracknell Development Corporation decided that these problems had to be overcome before putting the scheme back on the market. Hunting Gate, which had been involved in the previous attempt to lease the office space, was advised by King and Co.

the space at a rent of just over £1 million a year. Camperdown House was developed in partnership with Wingate Property Investments. Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group, the US company which is the largest property services group in the world, has let Highland Pointe, a 185,000 sq ft office building in the Chicago suburb of Oak Brook to Barrington Corporation, the computer manufacturer.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Imperial Group bid talk lifts United Biscuits shares

Imperial Group trying to take the biscuit? That is the question City analysts are asking as the United Biscuits share price continues to push to new peaks. Despite vigorous denials of any takeover approach, Sir Hector Laine, chairman of UB, has been talking to Imperial.

unguarded", says Mr Scott-Malden, making a swipe at UB "not beyond the bounds of feasibility". Imperial shares are also trading at a price peak, but showed only a modest 2p gain to 197p yesterday.

other index stock to lose ground. It was, then, left to the much more broadly based FT-SE 100 to offer not for the first time a much more accurate indication of the market's behaviour.

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Base Lending Rates table. ABN Bank 9 1/4%, Adam & Company 9 1/4%, Barclays 9 1/4%, BCCI 9 1/4%, Citibank Savings 10 1/4%, Consolidated Crds 9 1/4%, Continental Trust 9 1/4%, C. Hoare & Co 9 1/4%, Lloyds Bank 9 1/4%, Midland Bank 9 1/4%, Nat Westminster 9 1/4%, TSB 9 1/4%, Williams & Glyn's 9 1/4%, Citibank NA 9 1/4%.

Automotive Products continues to show resilience after last autumn's disappointing half year profit performance. The shares gained 4p to 71p yesterday - a long way off September's mid 50s price. Market talk suggests a possible bid for the car components group.

TEMPUS

Miners' strike cuts £2m from Asda profits

Having ignored the impact of the miners' strike for its duration, Associated Dairies has at last been forced to admit that the dispute is hitting profits. At the annual general meeting in November the chairman would only say that a prolonged strike could affect sales and that trading in the period was up to expectations.

While there is still some way to go in the South before the same position is reached, it is a question which must be addressed at some stage. To add to Asda's difficulties, it will also have to account for one of the most unusual Christmas shopping periods on record.

On a more positive note, the Allied Carpets division is performing remarkably well and Associated Fresh Foods should have a more stable second half. The disposal of Wades, on the verge of being completed, will help cash flow and tidy up the group a little.

Johnson & Firth Brown Even seasoned analysts blanch at the Johnson & Firth Brown accounts, with their terrifying combination of losses, high borrowings, bankers' bail-outs, and repeated pleas for additional injury time.

Some of the figures hark back to the bad old days. Attributable losses total £8.3 million (£12.1 million), an the Sheffield Forgemasters associate is showing broadly unchanged losses of £8.3

U.S. \$75,000,000 PG&E Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Incorporated in California) 12% Debentures Due 1992/2000. The Listing Particulars relating to the Debentures and the Issuer have been published and copies have been made available during usual business hours from the parties listed below up to and including 24th January, 1985.

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CRICKET

Moxon's shine rubs off as fast bowlers make hay

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Secunderabad

England should, after all, beat South Zone here today, though it is still by no means certain. Rather than finishing behind on first innings, as had seemed likely on Tuesday, they took a lead of 29, and by close of play South Zone, in their second innings, were 141 for five.

Scoreboard

Table with columns for South Zone, England, and various player statistics including runs, wickets, and overs.

England's three faster bowlers none were more in his element than Cowdrey, basically because of his strength. At times he made the ball fairly heavy, if not always accurately.

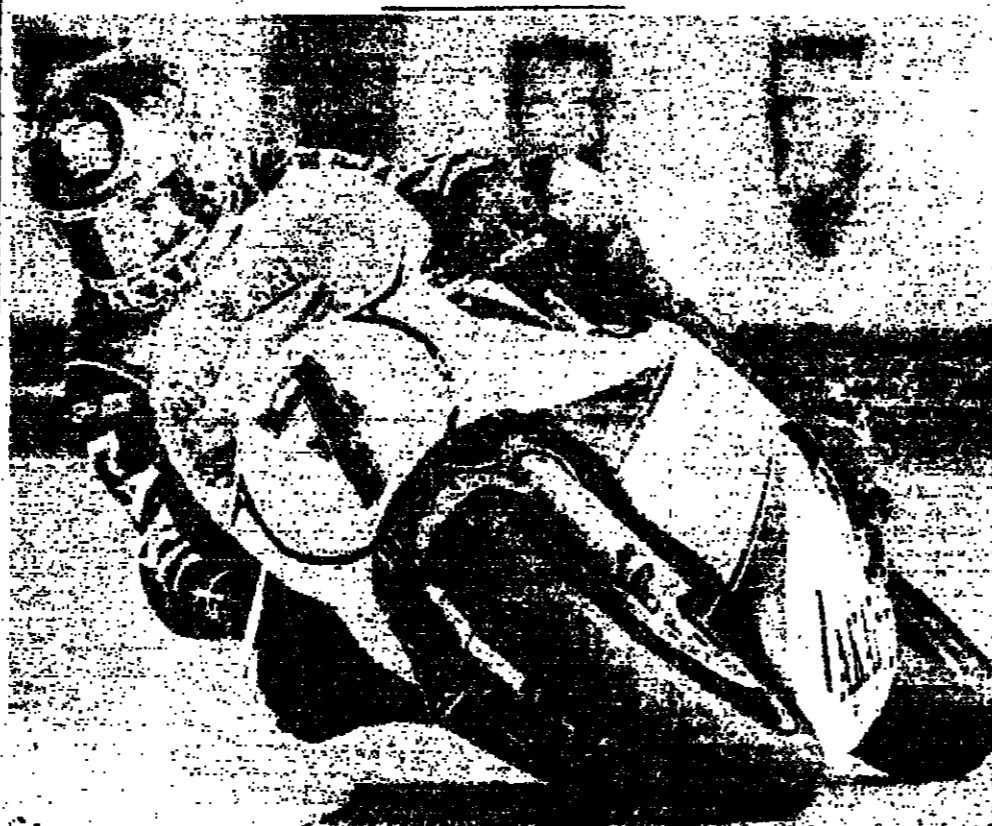
Spinner overshadowed Miandad's century

Christchurch, (Reuters) - A century from Imran Miandad, Pakistan captain, could not keep them from incurring a first innings deficit on the second day of their three-day match against Canterbury yesterday.

Big test for Sri Lanka

Hobart (Reuters) - Sir Lanka, international cricket's youngest members, today take on the West Indians for the first time since joining the International Cricket Conference in a World Series Cup one-day match here.

MOTOR-CYCLING



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Sheene's wheels slide to a halt

Barry Sheene, the former motorcycle driver who glorified motor cycle racing, became a millionaire and as famous for the number of bones he broke as for the world championship titles he won, has retired at the age of 34.

SQUASH RACKETS

Young men show their form

The daring young men of the fast-moving circuit were again prominent this week at the American Express Premier League entries, the second half of the season in very much the mood that produced such sensational national championships before Christmas.

BADMINTON

The East could feel the deepening bite of Frost

Brick by brick, world badminton is building itself into an impressive edifice. The Hong Kong Open, starting today, not only contains most of the world's and England's leading players, it is also the first tournament of the World Cup series that has spread from seven events two years ago to 13 last year and to a far-flung circuit of 18 tournaments this time.

ATHLETICS

Spending wisely to bring in top women

The first sponsorship for a non-championship women's cross country race, the Five Nations tournament at Sidcup this Saturday - could, if the administrators display a little initiative, result in the expansion of the event, with Britain showing the way, as they have done in the past, to the rest of the world.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Table listing various sports fixtures including Football, Other Sport, and Badminton.

TENNIS

Sundstrom's defeat kills big rematch

New York (Reuters) - The projected and much expected rematch between John McEnroe, of the United States, and Henrik Sundstrom, of Sweden, will not take place at this week's Grand Prix Masters tournament.

SKIING

Miss Fignini wins as Swiss rule

Bad Kleiner, Austria (Reuters) - Michela Fignini, the Olympic champion, gave an almost flawless display to win a women's World Cup downhill race here yesterday and leap eight places to second in this season's overall standings.

RUGBY UNION

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The giant slalom was dominated by the Swiss, who took nine of the first 10 places. The race was attended by Princess Michael of Kent, the British Ski Federation patron, and her husband, Prince Michael, who are staying in St Moritz.

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attitude, if not personnel, at the top of the men's administration. Saturday's race also exemplifies their poor organization: the 5,000 metres cross country race clashes with the women's AAA 3,000 metres indoor championship at Cardiff.



Dintrens: will win 30th cap

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RACING: LEADING FOUR-YEAR-OLD TO TAKE ON SENIORS AT NEWBURY

Wing And A Prayer is Schweppes surprise

By Dick Hinder

John Jenkins, this season's leading National Hunt trainer, has certainly put the cat among the pigeons with his intention to run his star four-year-old Wing And A Prayer in jumping's most competitive handicap hurdle, the Schweppes Gold Trophy, at Newbury on Feb 9.



Heading for Newbury: Wing And A Prayer, who has 10st 7lb in the Schweppes Gold Trophy

Wright left out in the cold

By Phil McLennan

Barrie Wright, the capable West Country jockey, was critical yesterday about the way in which he has been replaced by John O'Neill on Princes Day at Saturday's Irish Sweepstakes Handicap at Leopardstown.

PUNCHESTOWN

GOING: Soft (inspection 7 am) 1.15 BULL HILL NOVICE HURDLE (2966) (25) 10 MINUTES

IRISH RACING Monanore to defy a penalty From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Punchestown selections

1.15 Friendly Face. 1.45 Monanore (Nap). 2.15 Gerry Doyle. 2.45 Aubane. 3.15 Navaro. 3.45 Repeat.

Third treble for Tuck

Phil Tuck rode the third treble of his career at Kelson yesterday on Miss Goldingay, Inking and Bickeraffe. Miss Goldingay enjoyed a facile ten lengths victory over Amad in the first division of the Novices' hurdle, but Tuck and the winning trainer Mick Easterby had some uneasy moments after Bickeraffe's defeat of Colonial Charm.

New series for novice chasers

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Outlook bleak

Today's meetings at Southwell and Wincanton were cancelled yesterday morning because of frost. There is a 9am inspection at Hereford today to see if tomorrow's meeting can take place and the outlook is also bleak at Ascot where an inspection is planned for 3.45 this afternoon.

MONANORE TO DEFEY A PENALTY From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Few handicappers are able to carry a 10lb penalty successfully in long distance steeplechases but Monanore could prove an exception in the Carrick Hill Handicap Chase at Punchestown this afternoon.

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